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DALTON MCGUINTY STATEMENT OF RESIGNATION

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The following statement was issued by Mr. McGuinty:

Yesterday, the Ontario Legislature concluded its 2013 spring session. This has been a busy year for our government with the transition to a new Premier and Cabinet, a new direction and renewed purpose defined by Premier Wynne in our Speech from the Throne, and a new budget supported by the legislature. I thank all members of the legislature for their contribution to the progress we have made for Ontarians by working together.

The end of this session marks an opportune time for me to bring to a close my service to the people of Ottawa South as their member of provincial parliament. To this end, I will today submit my resignation as the MPP for Ottawa South to the Speaker of the Ontario Legislature.

It has been my greatest honour and privilege to follow in my father's footsteps and to serve Ottawa South families as their representative for nearly 23 years. I want to thank my community for their strong support, warm encouragement and good ideas which have informed my thinking and inspired my efforts in my varying responsibilities as MPP, leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, and Premier. I am proud to have been Ontario's first Premier from Ottawa and proud to have drawn my life's lessons and values from my parents' home in Alta Vista.

In preparation for my resignation, and in order to assure my party of a smooth transition, on May 31, the Ontario Liberal Party called a nomination meeting for the riding of Ottawa South to be held on June 20. At that meeting, a new Liberal candidate will be chosen to represent Ottawa South in an upcoming election or by-election.

I wish to thank my Queen's Park family, my home away from home for over two decades. Members of that family include my caucus colleagues, my colleagues in opposition, the men and women of the Ontario Public Service, staff and support workers on whose shoulders we all stand, and the Queen's Park Press Gallery. I will miss your friendship.

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I also thank my constituency office staff for their hard work and dedication. I could never have served my constituents in a timely and effective way without such capable staff.

Finally, I wish to thank my family...my mother and my brothers and my sisters, and especially my wife, Terri, and our children, Carleen, Dalton Jr., Liam, and Connor. In addition to giving me their unfailing love and support, they have endured the ups and downs of my political life with a quiet nobility and for that I am eternally grateful.

I leave politics with my idealism intact and a deep sense of gratitude for the opportunity to have served in public life.